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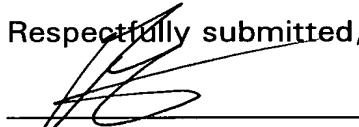
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CH 568148 discloses an extrusion apparatus which does not have an expanding mandrel. Reference numeral 7 is a part of a homogenisation zone of the extruder but not a mandrel to force the inner layer and the tie layer against the base layer. In the document extruded material is further conveyed through an opening (reference number 5) to the die (column 5, lines 44-46). In other words, there is not shown any die or mandrel in Fig. 3 or in the whole document at all.

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